



# ST. JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—MAKE DISCIPLES

~CELEBRATING 75 YEARS—1942-2017~

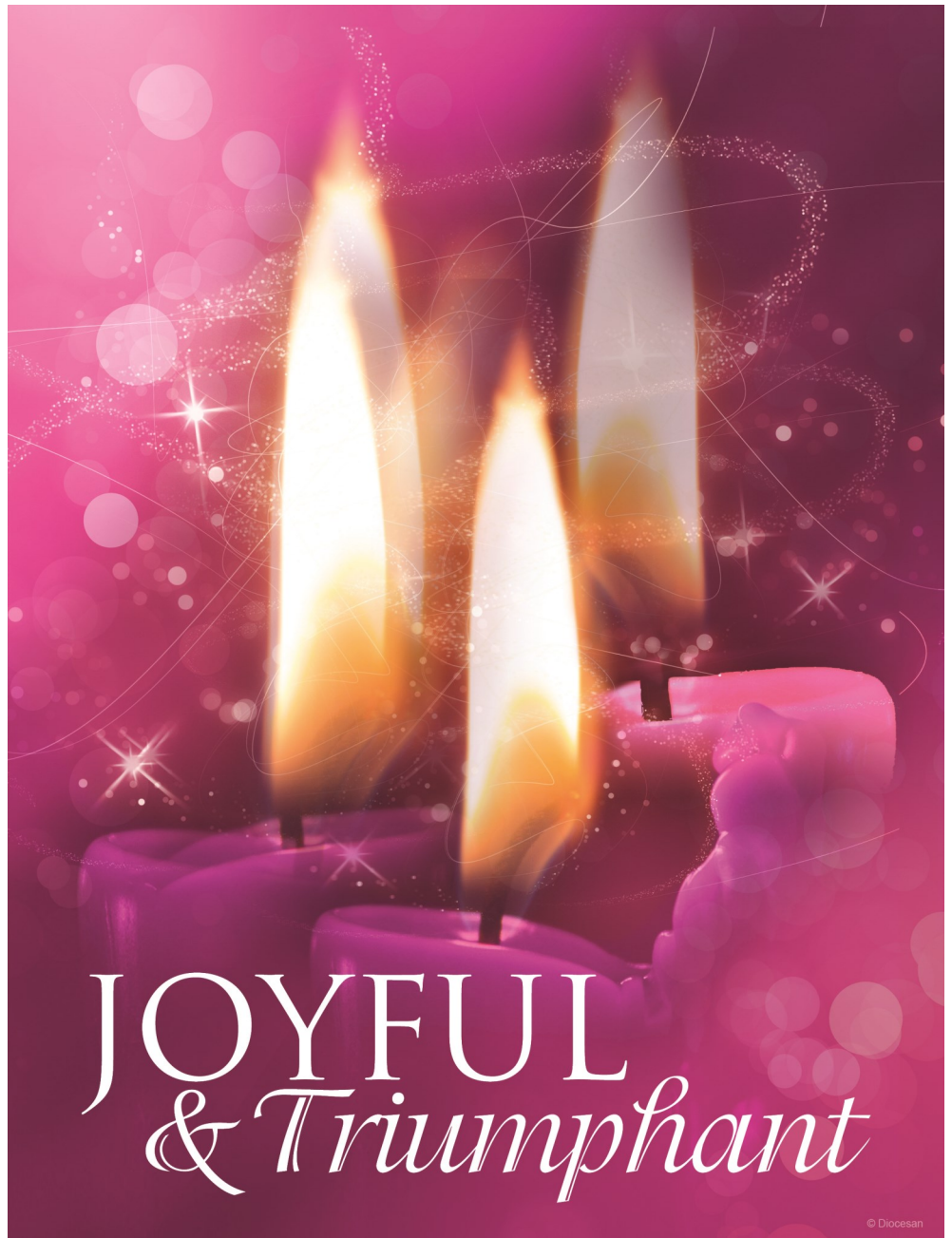
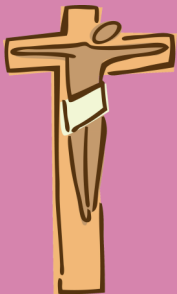
December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

## St. James Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic faith community of St. James, freely choose to respond to God the Father's unconditional love by centering our lives in Christ through prayer and the Sacraments; welcoming and sharing our love with all people by being missionary disciples of Jesus and open always to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

### Our Vision:

Love God—Love People—  
Make Disciples



JOYFUL  
& *Triumphant*

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**This Week at St. James**

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. Lector and Eucharistic Ministry Training  
 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation  
 4:00 P.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian

**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent**  
 8:30 A.M. Joseph, Joanna & David Raciborski—*Sts. C&C*  
 8:30 A.M. †Joseph Ravidoux—*Mike & Ellen Glynn*  
 9:40 A.M. Faith Formation Classes  
 11:00 A.M. †Catherine Brady—*Charli & Karen Heiler*

**Monday, December 18<sup>h</sup> NO SERVICES**  
 11:00 A.M. Faith Study Group—*Conference Room*  
 7:00 P.M. Men's Discovery Group—*Conference Room*

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 12:10 P.M. Mass preceded by Rosary  
 4-5:45 or 6-7:45 P.M. Encounter (grades 6-8)—*Youth Room*  
 7:00 P.M. Adoration

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 12:10 P.M. Mass preceded by Rosary  
 7:00 P.M. Advent Penance Service

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 9:00 A.M. Mass followed by Rosary  
 7:00 P.M. RCIA—*Youth Room*  
 7:00 P.M. Women's Discovery Group—*South Wing*

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> OFFICE CLOSED**  
 9:00 A.M. Mass followed by Rosary

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation  
 4:00 P.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian

**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 8:30 A.M. Jason Outwater—*Sts. C&C*  
 10:00 A.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian

**Christmas Eve Masses:**  
 4:00 P.M. †Milton & Marge Bergeon—*Their Family*  
 4:00 P.M. Joe Heeney—*Sts. CC*  
 10:00 P.M. †Elenor Vincent (Anniversary) — *Vincent Family*

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Monday** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

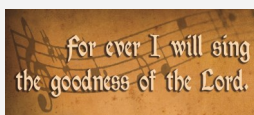
**Wednesday** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Friday** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



**ATTENTION MINISTERS!**

Please sign up for Christmas and New Year's Eve weekend Masses in the Sacristy!



**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**



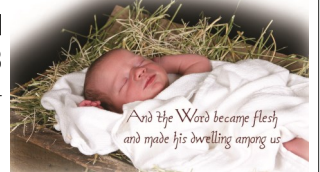
With the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent falling on Christmas Eve, there will be little time for decorating this year. We will be setting up the Christmas trees on Sun. December 17<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am Mass to be ready for December 24<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please gather in Cave Hall after Mass. On December 24<sup>th</sup>, we will get the Christmas decorations up right after the 10 am Mass. Please help if you can!



**CHRISTMAS READINGS**

**Sunday Christmas Eve Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

**Monday The Nativity of the Lord**  
 Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 34, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18



And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us

**Parish Directory**

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00-4:00 Fridays 8:00-Noon

New Parishioners please register with the office or at [www.stjamesmason.org](http://www.stjamesmason.org).

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**Bulletin Deadline** NOON Monday Email Preferred!



*Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.*

**ADVENT PROJECT**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Welcome to the holy season of Advent! It's a time of waiting in anticipation for the coming of the Messiah into our world and our hearts. It's also a time to prepare to give a Christmas gift to Jesus who identifies himself with the poor, the lonely, the homeless, the stranger, etc., and especially for those who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus.

For our Advent Project this year, we have chosen to support the Knights of Columbus whereby each Council is being asked to raise \$2,000 to resettle one Christian family back in the Nineveh Plain in Iraq. The Christian community in Iraq has fallen from 1.5 million in 2003 to fewer than 200,000 today.

Let us join hands together in supporting our persecuted brothers and sisters in Iraq and offer them a new home for Christmas and for the New Year. If you're writing a check, please make it out to the parish with "Advent Project 2017" on the Memo line. You may also donate online at our website [www.stjamesmason.org](http://www.stjamesmason.org). Thank you for your generosity. May Emmanuel – God With Us – bless you in abundance.

~Fr. Kusi – Pastor.



**Advent Penance Service: Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 pm at St. James

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass (December 24<sup>th</sup>)**

8:30 am at Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian, 10:00 am at St. James

**Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>):**

4:00 pm Children's Mass at St. James

4:00 pm at Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

10:00 pm at St. James

**Christmas Day:**

10:00 am at St. James

**Please note:** New Year's Eve will follow the regular weekend schedule. There will be no Mass on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**



If you would like to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please pick up a form in the gathering space or go to our website [www.stjamesmason.org](http://www.stjamesmason.org) and go to the "donate" section. **Deadline is Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**ATTENTION MINISTERS!**

It's time again to submit your unavailable dates for the schedule that will run from January 6, 2018 until March 25, 2018 (Palm Sunday). You may email your dates to me or pick up a form in the gathering space. **Deadline for submitting dates is Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**PLEASE NOTE!**

Sr. Maureen is living at the Nazareth Center. Her address is PO Box 31, Nazareth, MI 49074 if you would like to send her a Christmas card!



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Each year, this season of Advent comes around. We bless another candle this third week in Advent. Let us ask God to bless our family on this Third Sunday in Advent: God of rejoicing, this week we hear in our second reading that we are called to "rejoice always."

Help our family to be joyful in the midst of whatever happens this week. When we light the third candle on our wreath, let us bring your joy to our friends and neighbors this week. We ask this through Christ, who is the ultimate joyful gift to the world. Amen.

**Prayer REQUESTS**

**Please Pray for Our Sick:**

12/5 Patricia Seman 11/27 Duffy Williams, Margaret Marshall 11/17 Louise Face, Kari Olney.

NOTE: Names will remain on this list for just four weeks. Please contact the office if you wish to renew a person's name.



Thank you *Our Sponsor of the Week*  
~J. Daniel Kribs, D.C.~



A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithe has been sent to:  
~EVE, Inc.~



**Last Week's Collections**

December 10<sup>th</sup> \$11,266.06  
(140 envelopes, 30 EFT from 647 households)

*This date last year* \$13,085.01

**Fiscal Year to date (since July 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**This Year** \$202,630.54

*Last Year* \$199,738.26

*Advent Project* \$2,460.00

ST. JAMES 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY—DECEMBER 25, 2017

Our Tabernacle-present and past:

The finest white linen fabric of Dec Moire' was used for the upper adornment covering for our Tabernacle leaving the cross exposed. White and silver edged roses were hand stitched through out and have rhinestone/diamond embellishments in their centers signifying 75 years of St. James Church. Along the edges of the covering is a shiny sparkly double ribbon woven in a plaiting design that was also done 2,000 years ago signifying biblical time. White Acuna Milk fabric was made to curtain the doors of the tabernacle. It was also used and secured to the panels of the pedestal that supports the Tabernacle. The first covering was used over the tabernacle and framework formed the tabernacle and made it one Exodus 26:6 to represent the ten curtains bringing together making one. The Second and final Adornment covering "The red velvet and gold accessories" represents the actual season, Christmas time and a birthday garment for our Lord Jesus Christ on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1942, when St. James Mission originally opened its doors and Altar to the people for the first Mass. My profound thank you to my Lord for having chosen the fabrics and style that I was to use and last but never least, for using ME.

~Betty Rodriguez



REGIONAL COMMUNAL ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVES

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM

St. Thomas Aquinas in East Lansing and St. Gerard in Lansing

75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEMORY BOOK

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memory book is located between the doors into the church. If you haven't signed it, please take a moment to sign your name, tell how long you've been a parishioner, and share a short story if you want. St. James' actual 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary is December 25<sup>th</sup>. Only takes a moment to sign! If you want to write something longer please drop it off at the office and it will be placed in the book.



USHERS NEEDED!

Seeking two new ushers for Team 1—4 P.M. Masses. Would serve in the Months of January, April, July & October. Seeking two new Ushers for Team 2—4 P.M. Masses. Would serve in the Months of February, May, August & November. Seeking two new ushers for Team 3—11 A.M. Masses. Would serve in the Months of March, June, September & December. Additional Ushers are welcomed for all teams in order to give the Ministry some depth. If interested, please contact George Wygant, Usher Coordinator, 517-676-0855 or email george.wygant@yahoo.com.



O COME  
*all ye faithful*

CUTCO SERVING KNIFE MISSING

A parishioner is missing a Cutco serving knife that was brought to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. If you possibly took this home by mistake, could you please return to the office? Thanks!

SPIRITUAL HEALTH FOR THE NEW YEAR - A DAY RETREAT

Saturday January 20, 2018 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt

The state of our spirit is important to our health and well-being, but we fail to think about ways to strengthen it. Learn about the cornerstones of our spiritual health—Eucharist, Scripture, Prayer and Community. Experience physical, mental, emotional and spiritual benefits as you pray using movement, music, guided meditation, journaling and Lectio Divina. Opportunities for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and/or Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. Cost including lunch is \$55. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321.



BLACKTHORN AUCTION

The Blackthorn Dinner Concert and Silent Auction is coming up March 3, 2018, so it's time to start thinking about silent auction items! We will be taking donations of **NEW** or **HAND-CRAFTED** items. Questions? Call the office!



**KNIGHT'S CORNER**



**Upcoming Events:**

December 17<sup>th</sup>—This is the day for the Second Annual Food for Family Program. Twice a year the Mason Council Knights of Columbus sponsors this food drive for the Mason Food Bank. They need canned fruits, vegetables, soups, Hamburger Helper, spaghetti Sauce, pasta side dishes, pasta, Rice and Rice Sides, peanut butter, mac & cheese, Cereals, and Stuffing.

December 17<sup>th</sup>—11:00 AM Mass will be celebrated as a Knight's of Columbus Corporate Communion.

December 17<sup>th</sup>—5:30 PM Rosary in the Chapel, 6:00 PM Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM Regular Knights of Columbus Meeting. **There will be no Knight's Angels Meeting.**

December 20<sup>th</sup>—6:00 PM Christmas Caroling at the Jefferson Square. What a way to spread Christmas cheers to the residents! Please bring place of snacks or sweets to share.



**WELCOME!**



If you are worshipping with us for the first time or have visited before, we welcome you! If you are looking for a church home in this community, we invite you to consider St. James. Please join us again!

If you would like to register with us, please call the office or visit [www.stjamesmason.org](http://www.stjamesmason.org).

**THIS CHRISTMAS, GIVE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE**



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Donate today using your debit, credit card, checking, or savings account.

- 1** Visit your church website and click **Give Online**.
- 2** Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
- 3** Click **Recurring Donation**, enter your donation amount and frequency.



[www.stjamesmason.org](http://www.stjamesmason.org)

Or

517-676-9111



**ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Thank you for partnering with Operation Christmas Child! The gift-filled shoebox you packed will share God's love in a tangible way and can impact not only the child who receives it, but also their family friends, and community. Most importantly, please remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift. Your shoebox gifts were shipped to Zambia.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!**

**R.O.C.K.**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** Tonight 5-7pm! All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders should come! Bring your friends!

White Elephant Gift Exchange!! Cookie Decorating!! Holiday Games and More!!

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm. Coming up: Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> Talent Show & Chili Cook-Off!!

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WAGON! R.O.C.K. Fundraiser!** Celebrate the New Year with a wagon full of fun! See a Youth Group member after Mass to get your ticket and to check out the wagon full of goodies!!

**ENCOUNTER**

No 4:00 Class on the 19<sup>th</sup>! All Students are invited to join the 6:00 class for a special evening!!

Join us Tuesdays from 4-5:45 pm OR 6-7:45 pm! Bring your friends for a night of Fun, Exploring our Faith & Encountering God's Love! All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders welcome!

**ATTENTION ALL Youth!**

We will be attending Adoration together on Tuesdays during Advent at 7:00pm. For those of you who have been in the past you understand how amazing and important this time with Jesus is. If you have never been before, this is your chance to see what the others are talking about! We will have hot chocolate in the ROCK Room for anyone that wants to stay after!

